

NEWS

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lesley Gaudreau

Like many of you, I've been thinking a lot about CIPA, the USA PATRIOT Act and the other changes in regulations which will affect library service. For me, all of these issues have two aspects: how they will affect the library that I manage and how they will affect me as a citizen. I am apprehensive about the first and both angry and scared about the second.

In my library, I'm concerned about protecting the privacy of library users who sometimes don't seem to care whether we protect their confidentiality, and sometimes get angry when that protection gets in the way of their convenience. I'm aware that everyone who works in my library must have a clear understanding of the relevant laws and library policies and be able to diffuse potentially volatile encounters; but reviewing every policy and finding effective ways to communicate all of this to library staff is yet another big job to add to the list.

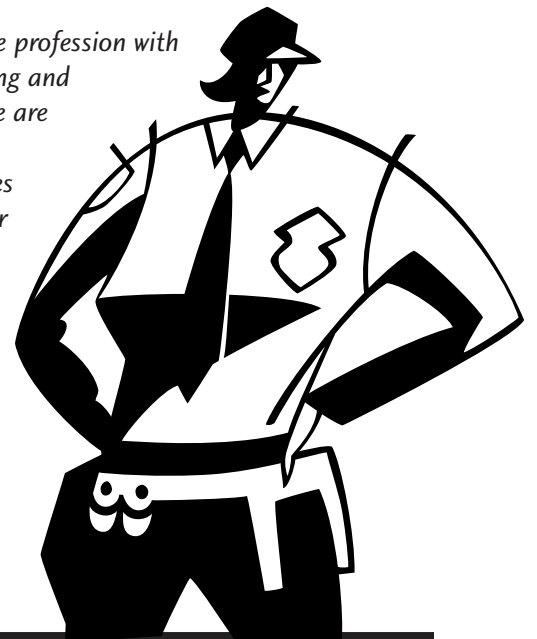
As a citizen, I feel powerless as changes take place which are not always well-explained and I feel like some of the rights I rely on (free access to information and the confidentiality of my library records) are being taken away for no useful purpose. I don't believe that the FBI having the power to remove computers from libraries to perform broad searches would have prevented the destruction of the World Trade Towers and I don't think it will prevent future incidents. I'm angry that the government can not only do these things, but that they can do it without public oversight.

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As librarians, we are a unique profession with a long tradition of discussing, codifying and protecting these essential liberties. We are the community leaders who are best prepared to educate our constituencies about how these issues will affect their lives, why these rights are important (lots of people really don't understand), and what kinds of advocacy should be done to protest things like the USA PATRIOT Act and to protect all of our rights to confidentiality.

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Maybe you think you are not the person to tackle this issue, but I disagree. I've been reading about the late John Gardner, and what he wrote about leadership, and I think his book Excellence (chapters on leadership and community) should be required reading for all public librarians. Gardner wrote, "The influential citizen - whether he is a farmer or banker or labor leader or professor or lawyer [or librarian] - cannot evade his responsibility to the larger community." Our responsibility is to create the opportunity for community discussion and provide good information so that people can think about and understand how this new legislation might affect them and their community.

Many library users in our smallish town have said, "this won't affect me; nobody would be interested to know what I'm reading or doing in the library." I answer that most of the time I feel that way too. However, I am still grateful to the librarians and boards of trustees in this state who support the state law that makes it possible for me to feel confident that my library records are kept private. I can visit my town library and check out a book on Islam or a thriller about terrorism without worries about the FBI starting a file. Or I can take home books about nursing home care without wondering if the staff member at the circulation desk is likely to mention it to my mother when she visits the library. My library records are my private matter and that is a freedom I treasure. I also rely on our public figures, like librarians, to inform their communities about the impact legislation and policies will have on people's lives, so that we can regulate the actions of our government. This new legislation requires me to keep silent if the FBI shows up with a valid court order and takes library records - I can't even tell the affected persons. People in my community need to know this and they need to know how our library policies and procedures are working to safeguard their rights. Who better to spread the word than the librarian?



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"In short," writes Gardner, "the varied leadership of our society must come to recognize that one of the great functions of leaders is to help a society to achieve the best that is in it." This is at the heart of what public libraries do all the time - connect people with the ideas that help them achieve the best in them and better citizens create a better society. This role is a natural for us and we shouldn't shrink from it.

Remember, you're not alone: NHLA is a community of librarians and we can help each other. Share what you're doing at your co-op or ALF meetings; call the librarian from the next town over; or get in touch with me. There are resources from ALA as well as the NHLA Intellectual Freedom Handbook that are available for you to use and many NHLA members who can speak to groups on these issues or work with you to develop an article or program of your own.

I'll leave you with one last thought from a fall 2001 speech by John Gardner: "I keep running into highly capable potential leaders all over this country who literally never give a thought to the well-being of their community. And I keep wondering who gave them permission to stand aside! I'm asking you to issue a wakeup call to those people — a bugle call right in their ear. And I want you to tell them that this nation could die of comfortable indifference to the problems that only citizens can solve. Tell them that." Consider this your bugle call. We need leaders in our libraries as well as in our Library Association. I hope that you will not let "comfortable indifference" keep you from standing up and speaking out for the rights of all library users.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NOVELIST WINS THE 2002 SARAH JOSEPHA HALE AWARD

By Andrea Thorpe

NEWPORT, NH— *The Trustees of the Richards Free Library are pleased to announce that Ernest Hebert is the Sarah Josepha Hale Award winner for 2002.*

New Hampshire native, Ernest Hebert is a novelist who vividly portrays New England lives in his fiction. His books include: The Dogs of March, A Little More Than Kin, Whisper My Name, Greetings from New England, The Passion of Estelle Jordan, Live Free or Die, The Kinship, Mad Boys and The Old American. His writing has been described as brilliant. The Washington Post called The Dogs of March as "A triumph of spirit, skill and imagination". Alan Cheuse in his NPR review characterized The Old American as "painstakingly researched" and "deeply appealing".

Mr. Hebert was born and raised in Keene, NH. He received a B.A. from Keene State College and studied with Wallace Stegner at Stanford. He earned several journalism awards for his work on the Keene Sentinel and was honored by the Ernest Hemingway Foundation in 1980 and by the New Hampshire Writers Project in 1993 and 2001. He is a Professor of English at Dartmouth College and lives in West Lebanon with his family.

The Sarah Josepha Hale Award, presented annually since 1956, goes to a writer who, through his or her life work, maintains a connection to New England. Selection is by a panel of twelve judges. Named for Sarah Josepha Hale, the award honors the contribution of one of Nineteenth Century America's most powerful women. The Newport author of several books and hundreds of poems shaped the opinion of American women for forty years through her editorials in Godey's Lady's Magazine.

The presentation will take place on September 7th at the Newport Opera House. For more information please contact Andrea Thorpe at 603-863-3430 or rfl@newport.lib.nh.us.

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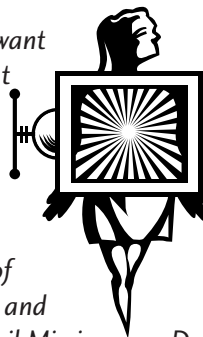
WOMAN TO WOMAN VIDEOS AVAILABLE

By Lorna Lippes, MLS

Woman to Woman has produced a series of videos for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. Our mission is to get these videos into the hands of women who need them.

There is no charge for the videos, as we don't want tapes. However, we are a not-for-profit donations, so if you could pay for the tapes cover the shipping (\$3.00 per tape) - any distribution of this video series

Since the quantity of tapes is limited, we want really want them. If you would like to add any of Diagnosis of Breast Cancer, Family Support, and know by calling toll free 877.859.6626 or e-mail Mimi



lack of funds to prevent libraries from acquiring the organization, dependent on grants and (\$23 for 1, \$45 for 2, \$65 for 3) or just contribution will go into production and

to make sure they end up in libraries that the tapes in the series: Initial Discovery and Intimacy to your library video collection - let us Dow at MCDBUF@aol.com

The next three videos - Chemotherapy, Surgical Choices and Young Women and Breast Cancer will be ready for distribution in the next few months. You can read the many favorable reviews from the medical community and learn more about the videos at our Web site www.womantowomanvideos.org.



HILLSTOWN COOPERATIVE TURNS 30!



Written by Dianne Hathaway

Research done by Mary Ann List and Janet Angus

In November 2001 more than twenty librarians gathered at the Brookline Public Library to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Hillstown Cooperative. The timing was just right as we were also celebrating the leadership of Fran Wiggin who had recently retired from the Bedford Public Library. Librarians past and present were in attendance and the celebration was videotaped for posterity as each person told of a special remembrance of the group or of Fran—sometimes both! Here is some of the illustrious history of this coop:

- *The Hillstown Cooperative was created in 1972 as a book-buying coop. Five libraries were members.*
- *In 1974 “Hillstown Branches Out” with a grant to create a union list. “Project Aesop” was initiated with an additional \$8,500 grant to purchase films, filmstrips, projectors, and puppets.*
- *The Hillstown Book Depository and the Hillstown Magazine Depository were formed. The book depository was housed at the Wilton Public-Gregg Free Library until it became the New Hampshire State Library’s last copy depository. The magazine depository continues to be stored at the Merrimack Public Library.*
- *In 1980 CETA workers were hired to work on the union list.*
- *In 1981 Hillstown librarians exhibited at the Hillsborough County Fair; fourteen libraries were now members of the coop.*
- *The Hillstown Coop produced its first periodicals list in 1984.*
- *At the 1987 NHLA conference Hillstown “actors” performed in the “Mother Goose Report.”*
- *1990 was a big year as the video coop and the audio “swap” was initiated. As part of our annual dues videos are purchased and boxed for use throughout the member libraries and are exchanged at our monthly meetings.*
- *The group engaged in a plastic book cover experiment in 1991 that everyone seems to want to forget!*
- *In 1992 the group instituted a monthly book auction to sell used reference books to the libraries that couldn’t afford to purchase them new. The Hillstown Coop also wrote and received a literacy grant that awarded each library \$700 for materials. 1992 was a banner year as librarians also received a \$7,140 LSCA grant to give each library a fax machine to better communicate for interlibrary loan purposes. In this year the audio “swap” was formalized into the audio coop and the boxed sets are exchanged every three months.*
- *In 1995 the Hillstown Book Depository was moved to the State and is now stored in Manchester and is part of the state interlibrary loan system.*
- *Beginning in 1996 monthly meetings focused on educational programs planned by the members. These have included visits by local authors and illustrators, wonderful storytellers, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the Currier Gallery of Art, and educational programs from the members themselves.*
- *In 2001 the Video Coop began to add DVD to the video collections and the Audio Coop began purchasing books on CD. All purchases in the future will be in these formats.*

As you can see, this has been a busy group of librarians! The fifteen towns that currently make up this cooperative are: Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Dunbarton, Goffstown, Greenville, Hollis, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Weare, and Wilton.

It was bittersweet to see Fran, who chaired the coop for all thirty years, step down and someone else take her place. But this group of energetic librarians continues to grow and exchange information and knowledge on a monthly basis. Early in 2002 we engaged in a long-range planning session to focus our energies in new ways. Here’s to thirty more years!

Hillstown Cooperative Turns 30!



**MEMBERS OF THE HILLSTOWN COOPERATIVE CELEBRATE THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY
AT THE BROOKLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

ACADEMICS SECTION NEWS FOR NHLA NEWSLETTER JUNE 17, 2002



The Academics Section of the NHLA is pleased to welcome its new Chair, Jennifer Carroll. Jennifer is the Collection Development Librarian for Electronic Resources at the University of New Hampshire's Dimond Library. She can be reached by phone at 862-4049 or by email at jcarroll@cisunix.unh.edu. Rebecca Clerkin of New Hampshire Community Technical College—Stratham (772-1194, x345 or rclerkin@tec.nh.us) is Vice-Chair of the Section. If you would like to get involved with Academics, please contact either Jennifer or Rebecca for details.

For more information about Academics, you can visit the Section's web site at <http://www.state.nh.us/nhla/academic.htm>.

FREE EXHIBIT: “THE GREAT EXPERIMENT: GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC”

By Carol Riley - Lincoln Public Library

An exhibit called, “The Great Experiment: George Washington and the American Republic” will be presented in Lincoln, New Hampshire from August 15 to September 26, 2002. It will be open daily to the public at no cost in the Upper Pemigewasset Historical Museum on Church Street.

A six week patriotic celebration will be centered on this traveling exhibit of manuscripts, rare books, prints, engravings and artifacts from the collections of the Huntington Library and organized in association with the American Library Association. It has been made possible, in part, through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Munger.

The exhibit traces the development of a victorious military genius who relinquished the glory of power to return to farming, a reluctant statesman who forged the institutions of a popular government that has endured for two centuries.

The Lincoln, New Hampshire sponsors, the Lincoln Public Library, the Lincoln Arts Council, North Country Center for the Arts, and the Upper Pemigewasset Historical Society, plan to present numerous related events dealing with the Revolutionary War. An encampment and Re-Enactment of British and American forces will be held on the weekend of Sept. 6-8. Workshops such as basket making and candle dipping, concerts, lectures and portrayals of life and times of the 1700's will be presented by scholars and artists. The full, six-week program is being developed to include educational and fun opportunities for children and adults such as Quill-Pen Writing, displays, period dancing lessons, cherry pie eating contest, a patriotic concert and more. A tea will be hosted by Martha Washington. Washington himself will, on certain days, actually be walking the streets of Lincoln chatting with the people and answering questions.

Since Lincoln is the only town in New England to host this exhibit, and one of only forty in the country, we are inviting our New England neighbors to consider participating in this patriotic celebration. Our website has a Calendar of Events. Go to <www.washingtoninlincolnnh.org>

GEISEL AWARD NOMINATIONS

By Terry Pare

The New Hampshire Library Association is accepting nominations for the Ann Geisel Award for Distinguished Service to the New Hampshire Library Community. The Award recognizes librarians, libraries, or other individuals and organizations that have contributed to the Association or the New Hampshire library community. They have improved all New Hampshire libraries through their efforts as library professionals, providing library services, or advocating for library issues.

Individuals, institutions, and organizations may be considered for this award. Significant contributions to the NH library community includes, but is not limited to

- ☞ recognizing NHLA members for significant achievements or overall career accomplishments;*
- ☞ recognizing NH libraries for outstanding service to their community;*
- ☞ recognizing individuals and/or organizations who have been extremely supportive of NHLA or NH libraries; or*
- ☞ recognizing library advocates at the local, state, or national level.*

Application Process

Submit a letter of nomination and two letters of support to the NHLA Awards Committee. Include in the letter of nomination a statement explaining why this individual or organization qualifies for this award. List specific activities and accomplishments. For individuals, please include a list of memberships and offices held in professional organizations and any honors received.

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The award is granted on the vote of the Executive Committee based on the candidates recommended by the Awards Committee.

INTERNET MARKETING VETERAN LAUNCHES DIRECTORYNH.COM, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE DIRECTORY

CONCORD, N.H. – April 15, 2002 - George Jobel, a pioneer in Internet marketing, today announced the debut of DirectoryNH.com. The result of more than 600 hours of online and offline research, DirectoryNH.com (www.directorynh.com) offers more than 5,000 links to state businesses, associations and recreation resources around the state. Each of the site's entries has been hand cataloged by topic and organized according to geographic area using powerful search features.

For more information on DirectoryNH.com or to include your business, organization or an article in the recreational directory, please contact George Jobel at 603/224-1115 or via email at george@tellamerica.com

NORTH ATLANTIC HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

By Angie Chapple-Sokol, Dana Medical Library, University of Vermont

You are invited to attend the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries (NAHSL) annual conference on Sept 22-24, 2002 at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center at Attitash Bear Peak in Bartlett, New Hampshire.

This year's conference program will focus on practical solutions to challenges faced by all libraries:

- Information overload
- Digital resources selection (specifically clinical resources like UpToDate), access (firewalls, authentication), and licensing issues
- High-tech trends (PDAs, Prospero, remote reference technologies)

The Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center is a relaxed hotel in a beautiful setting in the White Mountains of Bartlett, New Hampshire. It's located 20 minutes north of North Conway, an outlet shopping mecca, and is close to hiking and mountain biking trails and golf courses. The hotel itself has a heated indoor/outdoor pool, and gym and spa, a nature trail, horseback riding, and a scenic chairlift to the summit of Attitash. The conference itself will be very much a 'retreat' since we will have the entire hotel for the conference, and events will be quite informal.

The Sunday night Welcome Reception will be a casual barbecue at the Attitash Bear Peak base lodge, a short walk down a lighted path from the hotel. Monday night's banquet will include great food accompanied by a Murder Mystery, performed by Mystery for Hire, Poland Spring, ME. So leave your fancy clothes at home, pack your jeans and comfortable shoes and join us for 3 days of education, networking, and professional development!

For more information and to register:
<http://www.nahsl.org/>
click on NAHSL 2002



NHewLINK EXPANDS TO OFFER MORE DATABASES TO MORE LIBRARIES

By Terry Pare

Get full-text magazine and newspaper articles online. Find out what library owns a book you need. Discover a new favorite author. Get access to professional development resources for teachers and librarians. All of this and more is possible through NHewLINK.

NHewLINK is a service of the State Library that provides libraries, schools and the citizens of New Hampshire access to the information they need when they need it. The State Library has signed contracts with various vendors to provide access to a variety of resources including EBSCO, NewsBank and OCLC. There are materials available for all age groups and interests. In addition to in library use, most of the databases are also available for your patrons and students to use at home.

In addition to providing New Hampshire's libraries, schools and citizens with quality resources, NHewLINK access is free to eligible libraries! It is funded by the New Hampshire State Library. Additional grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the New Hampshire State Librarian.

EBSCO

The New Hampshire State Library is pleased to announce a two-year agreement has been reached with EBSCO Publishing to provide your library with an outstanding collection of databases as part of the NHewLINK project. Now at your library, and at home, you and your patrons will have available, at the touch of a mouse, 12 databases covering general interest, business and health resources. MasterFile Premier has full text for more than 1900 periodicals; Business Source Elite provides full text coverage for 1075 business periodicals; Health Source: Consumer Edition contains more than 300 full text health periodicals as well as 1000 health pamphlets and 20 health reference books.

There are also databases for children and young adults to provide them with quality resources for their informational needs. MAS Ultra is designed for high school students; Middle Search Plus is a middle school student resource; Primary Search provides the elementary grades with the information they need. Middle Search Plus and Primary Search are available in the fun and friendly Searchasaurus interface. Also included for the schools are two teacher databases: The Professional Development Collection and ERIC.

Finally the contract includes the NovelList database. NovelList can help you search through over 100,000 fiction titles to find books that you would like to read. It's an excellent resource to help with your reader's advisory questions.

A cooperative agreement between the New Hampshire State Library, the New Hampshire Community Technical Colleges and the New Hampshire College and University Council provides even more databases. Through an agreement with EBSCO, libraries that receive access through any of the three individual contracts now have access to the same base products.

H.W. Wilson

The State Library continues to provide NHAIS library staff with access to Library Literature and Information Science Full-Text. It provides the complete text of every full article from 110 publications, back to 1994 as well as indexing of 299 publications as far back as 1984, and more than 600 individual books a year.

NewsBank

In June 2002, NewsBank signed a contract to provide full-text, cover to cover access to *The Union Leader* and *New Hampshire Sunday News*. The State Library has signed an agreement with NewsBank to provide access for public libraries and public K-12 schools to have full-text electronic access to the edition of record (1989-current).

As soon as the database becomes available, New Hampshire libraries will be able to search more than 10 years of materials. Look for an announcement in late summer about connectivity.

OCLC

The State Library is pleased to continue bringing access to OCLC's WorldCat database to the state's public libraries and public high schools. WorldCat contains over 49 million bibliographic records cataloged by OCLC member libraries. This includes books, visual materials, computer files, Internet resources, serials, sound recordings, archival materials, maps and musical scores representing over 400 languages.

Vendor	Database	Library Type				
		Public		NHAIS Libraries		
		Library	School	Academic	Private School	Special
EBSCO*	MasterFile Premier	x	x	x	x	x
	Academic Search Elite	x	x	x	x	x
	Business Source Elite	x	x	x	x	X
	Health Source: Consumer Edition	x	x	x	x	X
	Newspaper Source	x	x	x	x	X
	MAS Ultra (School Edition)	x	x	x	x	X
	Middle Search Plus	x	x	x	x	X
	Primary Search	x	x	x	x	X
	Professional Development Collection	x	x	x	x	X
	ERIC	x	x	x	x	X
	Searchasaurus	x	x	x	x	X
	TOPICsearch	x	x	x	x	X
	Novelist	x	x		x	X
H.W. Wilson**	Library Literature and Information Science Full Text	x	x	x	x	x
NewsBank	The Union Leader and NH Sunday News	x	x			
OCLC***	WorldCat	x	x			

* NHAIS libraries must have registered as of May 15, 2002 with Network Services Section of the New Hampshire State Library to be considered in this contract. For terms of this contract:

- Academic is defined as those schools that are members of either NHCUC or NHCTC
- Special is defined as health sciences or not-for-profit institutions

** Must be a registered NHAIS member

*** Does not include remote access. School library must serve grades 9-12 to be eligible



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